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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperature averages were 2 to 3° below seasonal normals for the week ending Monday morning, February 24th. It was the coldest week since early January across Nebraska. There was considerable daily fluctuation in temperatures with the morning of the 21st being the coldest in the east and the morning of the 23rd coldest in the west. Light snow, yielding up to one inch, was recorded on Tuesday and Wednesday. Additional light snow was recorded in the northeast Saturday night. This was a rather windy week.

CROPS Scattered snow flurries added only limited amounts of moisture to the soil while high winds, which occurred during the week, caused some damage to the crops. This wind damage was quite localized and the fall sown small grain crops generally held their condition. Some concern has been expressed about winterkill in wheat fields, but the actual extent will not be known until all of the crop begins spring growth.

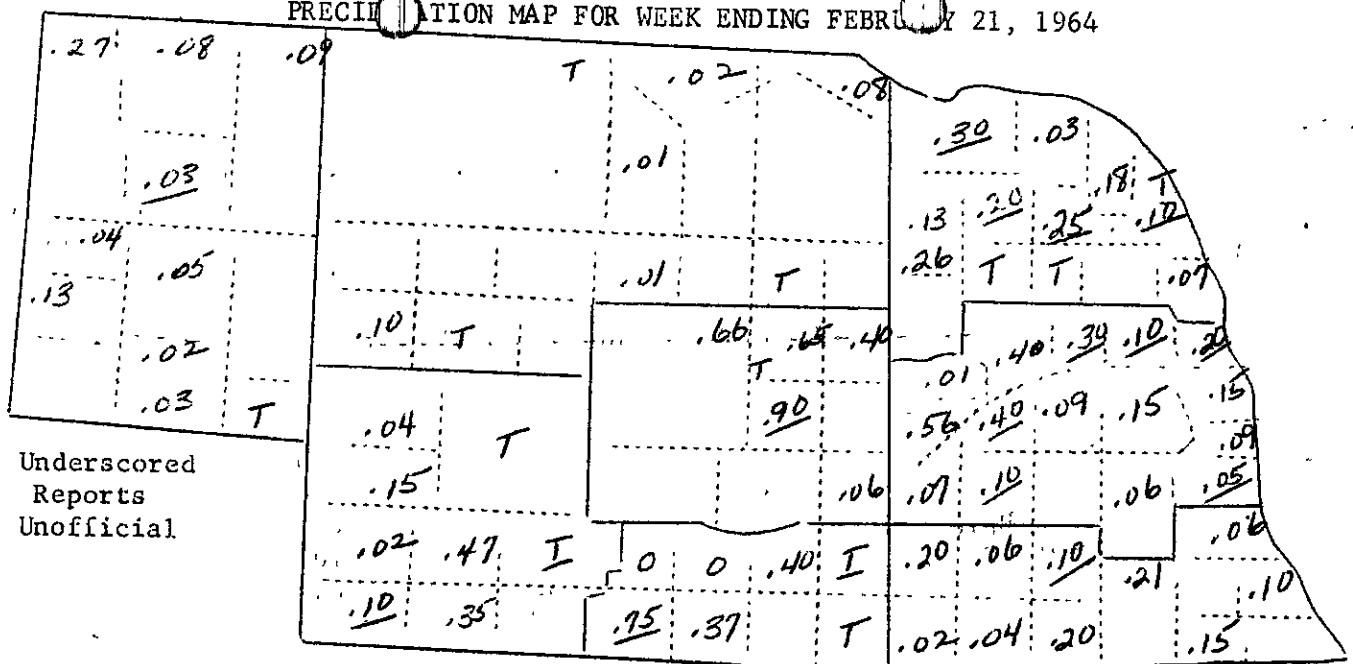
Spring field work will probably begin in the southeast as soon as the weather permits. However, this past week farmers were more concerned with livestock care. The arrival of newborn stock was well underway and they needed the usual amount of attention. Also, the fact that feed and forage available in grain fields and in winter pastures and ranges have been largely consumed in many instances, caused farmers and ranchers to devote more time to supplemental hay and grain feeding operations. Other time was spent in attending farm sales, making rental arrangements, performing routine chores and taking care of the usual necessary repairs and other odd jobs around the farm.

LIVESTOCK Some shrink in livestock was reported during the rough weather early last week but most of the animals held their condition and made satisfactory gains. Lambing and calving advanced normally for the season with losses remaining low. Farrowings continued to increase and were occurring throughout the State. With the relatively mild temperatures prevailing, older animals were able to maintain their condition with less than normal amounts of feed. Feedlot gains have been reported as unusually good this winter. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska for the month of January totaled 128,000 head. This compares with the relatively low 70,000 head shipped in during January of 1963. Arrivals of sheep and lambs amounted to 29,000 head in January compared with 34,000 for January one year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 24, 1964

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.01	Burwell	T	Chadron	.08
Lincoln	.02	North Platte	.01	Imperial	.01
Norfolk	.02	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	.04
Omaha	.09			Sidney	.05
Sioux City	.02				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 1964



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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February 18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	43	26	36	15	38	12	30	13	38	23	37	-2	40	23
	Scottsbluff	45	25	36	15	38	12	31	10	37	16	39	6	40	19
	Sidney	40	21	35	8	40	16	28	9	34	11	28	7	37	15
NC	Burwell	39	21	34	9	32	4	25	9	31	7	39	1	25	M
	Valentine	44	27	35	7	32	8	28	17	36	16	38	-2	36	19
NE	Norfolk	35	20	33	15	29	9	19	0	24	12	40	7	17	10
	Sioux City	47	21	37	18	35	10	27	5	29	10	43	7	20	10
CEN	Grand Island	39	23	35	22	29	9	23	5	28	14	40	10	22	12
EC	Lincoln	51	30	37	21	34	17	25	9	31	19	43	12	23	17
	Omaha	49	25	35	20	35	11	24	7	38	12	45	10	19	9
SW	Imperial	44	27	37	13	40	12	30	14	34	12	42	8	38	16
	North Platte	42	25	32	3	33	11	28	10	31	8	41	5	33	20

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